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From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Wed 9/9/2015 9:28:18 PM
Subject: Re: Interview request re: Butte/SilverBow site in MT

Thx. Do you know whether Paula is following up to schedule? I'm inclined to do it. Thoughts?

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On Sep 9, 2015, at 3:13 PM, Card, Joan <Card.Joan@epa.gov> wrote:

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Sent from my EPA iPhone

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Paula,

We will look to you to close this one out. Perhaps Shaun should do it? Please be mindful of the attached memos from Mathy. Let Sandy know when it is done.

David

From: Susan Dunlap
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Sent: Friday, September 4, 2015 4:52 PM
To: R8EISC
Subject: interview request

Dear Shaun,

I met you at Gov. Steve Bullock's Silver Bow Creek/Streamside tailings celebration in early August in Butte, Montana.

I have written extensively about the continuing issues facing Butte as the nation's largest Superfund site. I will be happy to provide you clippings of my most recent stories upon request.

While I realize there are both Butte Superfund and other regional EPA employees in this area, and have talked with them, I am examining the Butte cleanup holistically and it's essential to that process to provide more of EPA's perspective to our readers. I have some questions that can only be answered at the regional level or higher.

Please consider this an official request to interview you about progress and problems at the nation's largest Superfund site, which is a part of your regional responsibility.

I would be happy to interview you by telephone – or, alternatively, I'd be equally happy to come to Denver to interview you in person.

While I have spoken to current and former local EPA representatives, I do feel it is essential to take the conversation to the level of regional leadership.

Topics I would like to discuss include:

- Region 8's view of work done in Butte and yet to be done;
- EPA's decision of long standing to leave significant amounts of mining waste in place in Butte;

-- EPA's role in continuing consent decree negotiations at the Butte site. While we understand the negotiations themselves are currently confidential by court order, we would like to ask some general questions about the agency's philosophy which we do not believe would violate any confidentiality limitations.

-- The current moratorium on remediation work after the Gold King tailings spill and how it might affect Butte;

-- The evolving scientific research into Butte contamination and how that research might affect Butte's overall stance regarding site cleanup;

-- Significant differences in "action levels" on contaminants of concern in Butte and Anaconda versus other locations;

-- And the EPA's view of issues yet to be resolved in the Butte superfund site, including storm water management.

My editors and I believe that this interview is clearly in the public interest. As the largest Superfund site in the nation, Butte must be of major concern to you as the Region 8 administrator, and our readers have a strong and legitimate interest in your views on these and other issues.

Thanks very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Dunlap

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